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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(WITH FORM PTO-1449)
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Sir/Madam:

Applicant hereby submits this *Information Disclosure Statement* to comply with the duty of disclosure as codified in 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Submitted within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as defined by 37 C.F.R. §1.491, this *Statement* is thus filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(2). This *Statement* contains and is accompanied by the information required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

Applicant respectfully asks the Examiner to consider in detail each of the references listed on FORM PTO-1449 (attached hereto) and any of the other related references that may be cited on the INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT (ISR) and, if applicable, on any WRITTEN OPINIONS and the INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT (IPER) issued by the International Preliminary Examination Authority, and to enter the same into the record of this application for patent. A copy of each of the references listed on FORM PTO-1449 is submitted herewith.

The cited references are not intended to be construed as the most pertinent to the field of art to which Applicant's invention pertains. Applicant therefore urges the Examiner to conduct a full, complete and independent search and evaluation of all available relevant art.

Applicant and/or his undersigned representative(s) may have been exposed to other information related to the field of art to which Applicant's invention pertains. If such exposure has in fact occurred, Applicant and/or his representative(s) may not have made a

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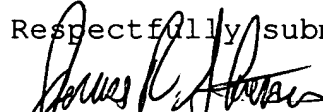
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detailed analysis of such other information and/or its relation to the invention.

Applicant therefore respectfully advises the Examiner not to rely solely upon the above-cited references in his/her evaluation of the subject matter of Applicant's application and to include all available art within the scope of his/her independent search.

Respectfully submitted,



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